Delay in Establishment of premier Institutes

†592. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two premier institutes of science education announced in March, 2005 are at least three years away and eight months after it was decided to have a new Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Shillong, the project of which is yet to be cleared by the Finance Ministry, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In the matter of setting up of Institutes, it is felt that there cannot be any similarities in duration of period required to establish them and thus no parallels with respect of time-frame can be drawn in the cases of setting up of Indian Institute of Science for Education & Research (USER) and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM). Steps are being taken to obtain necessary approval for setting up of IIM at Shillong.

Recommendations of Moiley Committee

593. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Moiley Committee on OBC reservation in educational institutions has made its recommendations;

(b) if so, what are its recommendations *vis-a-vis* its terms of reference;

(c) whether Government will lay the Moiley Committee report in the House for discussion; and

(d) what is the current status about the implementation of OBC reservation in educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Oversight Committee has been given time upto 31st August, 2006 to submit its report.

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